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***Little Miss Sunshine* Pre-Viewing Homework**

The best plot summaries and character descriptions I found came from the reviews at www.rottentomatoes.com. *Note:* You can find an explanation of some of the slang used in this film at http://www.slangcity.com/movie_quote/little_miss_sunshine.htm

1. Write a short definition of each of these key concepts:

beauty contest

motivational speaker

dysfunctional family

retirement home

satire

2. Briefly describe each of the major characters:

Olive

Richard

Dwayne

Grandpa

Sheryl

Frank

3. Write a brief summary of the plot. (about 50 words)

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1. How do you feel about beauty contests, particularly beauty contests for children, as shown in the movie?

2. At one point in the movie the father, Richard, tells Olive “Don’t apologize. It’s a sign of weakness.” What do you think about that statement?

3. Success, or being a “winner,” is very important in American culture. Give at least two examples from the movie.

4. Write a question from the movie that you would like to have the class discuss and give your own answer.